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Friend Garrison

Dear Sir No Union with
Slave holders is undoubtedly right under the
present state of things likewise to vote under
the present Constitution is ~~equally~~ right
if the right persons are to be voted for, this
government administered by pure antislavery
persons would make a comparatively pure
Nation compared with what it is, the purer
the medium the purer the person that inha-
bits it, so long as the little ones are fed on
milk punch, we shall expect to have them
grow up with appetites for liquor, and
so long as proslavery ~~men~~ get ~~by far the~~
~~most money~~ all the offices and that govern-
ment pays by far better than any other
business the little ones will grow up
proslavery. Change the seal let the offices
fall into the hands of antislavery persons
and you will find the little ones will all
come up antislavery, you may say
admitting your views to be correct but hears
the Constitution to be sworn to, I answer
Constitution or not there is one rule that
should never be lost sight of

Do whatever will make the people better
if the people were already perfect we
should need no formal government but
we find them not so. therefore they must
be treated according to the nature they possess
this position might be illustrated by almost
every act of our lives we are constantly
coming in contact with the physical world
in a manner that would be utter destruction
if their nature was not strictly considered,
therefore the only rule that can be laid
down is to do what is best under the
existing state of things and it appears
to me that the state of affairs are such
at present that it behoves every lover of
justice and humanity to see to it that the
true and the faithful should be brought
before the public as leaders of this nation
and when the best the nation affords is
before the people that no man neglect to
deposit a ballot in their favor.

truly yours in behalf
of Equal rights and Privileges

James Burroughs